

August 19, 2005

VICKIE MULLEN  
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Subject: Complaint filed against Chad Minnick – PDC Case #05-205

Dear Ms. Mullen:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff has completed its investigation of your complaint received May 3, 2005 alleging that Chad Minnick, Monroe City Council member, failed to disclose the reportable customers of his consulting firm on the F-1 Supplement form, an alleged violation of RCW 42.17.241.

PDC staff reviewed your complaint in light of the following statute:

**RCW 42.17.241** requires candidates and elected officials to disclose on the F-1 Supplement form information concerning entities which they own or for which they serve as a director or other officer. This information includes the names of business customers making reportable payments during the period covered by the report, and the purpose of these payments.

You alleged that Chad Minnick failed to list his consulting firm Minnick & Minnick on the F-1 supplement required to accompany the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC form F-1) due on April 15, 2005, and that he also failed to disclose the reportable business customers of the firm.

We found that:

- Chad Minnick filed an F-1 statement on January 29, 2005, but did not include an F-1 Supplement form listing the firm Minnick & Minnick, or its reportable business customers.
- Mr. Minnick filed an F-1 Supplement on May 7, 2005, disclosing the reportable customers of Minnick and Minnick. He stated that his failure to file an F-1 Supplement with his F-1 was an inadvertent oversight, and was not an attempt to

conceal his relationship with the clients of Minnick and Minnick. Mr. Minnick stated that he believed he had created, but did not submit, an F-1 Supplement for Minnick & Minnick when he originally submitted his electronic F-1 report on January 29, 2005.

- Mr. Minnick previously filed three F-1 reports, including one in 2004 as an elected member of the Monroe City Council. Each of these reports included an F-1 Supplement listing the reportable customers of Minnick & Minnick.

Information concerning payments to the firm Minnick & Minnick by candidates and political committees is readily available on the "Search Database" page of the PDC Web site. In addition, Mr. Minnick disclosed the customers of his firm on three previous F-1 filings. It appears that Mr. Minnick's failure to list the clients of his firm on his most recent F-1 was unintentional. Thus, no enforcement is warranted in this case.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against Chad Minnick.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie  
Executive Director

c: Chad Minnick